

Integrating Tech Tools

To Meet GT Students' Needs

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It's not about the tools...



before



A photograph of a cluttered desk. Two laptops are open; the one on the left is silver and the one on the right is white. A clear plastic water bottle with an orange cap sits in the center. The desk is covered with various papers, including a large sheet with the text 'John Schumacher' and another with 'The Elementary School Journal'. There are also several books, including one titled 'TEACHER LIBRARIAN' and another 'AMERICAN RULES'. A smartphone is visible on the left side of the desk. The background is dark and out of focus.

it's about the thinking.



Gifted Kids



Four Keys to GT



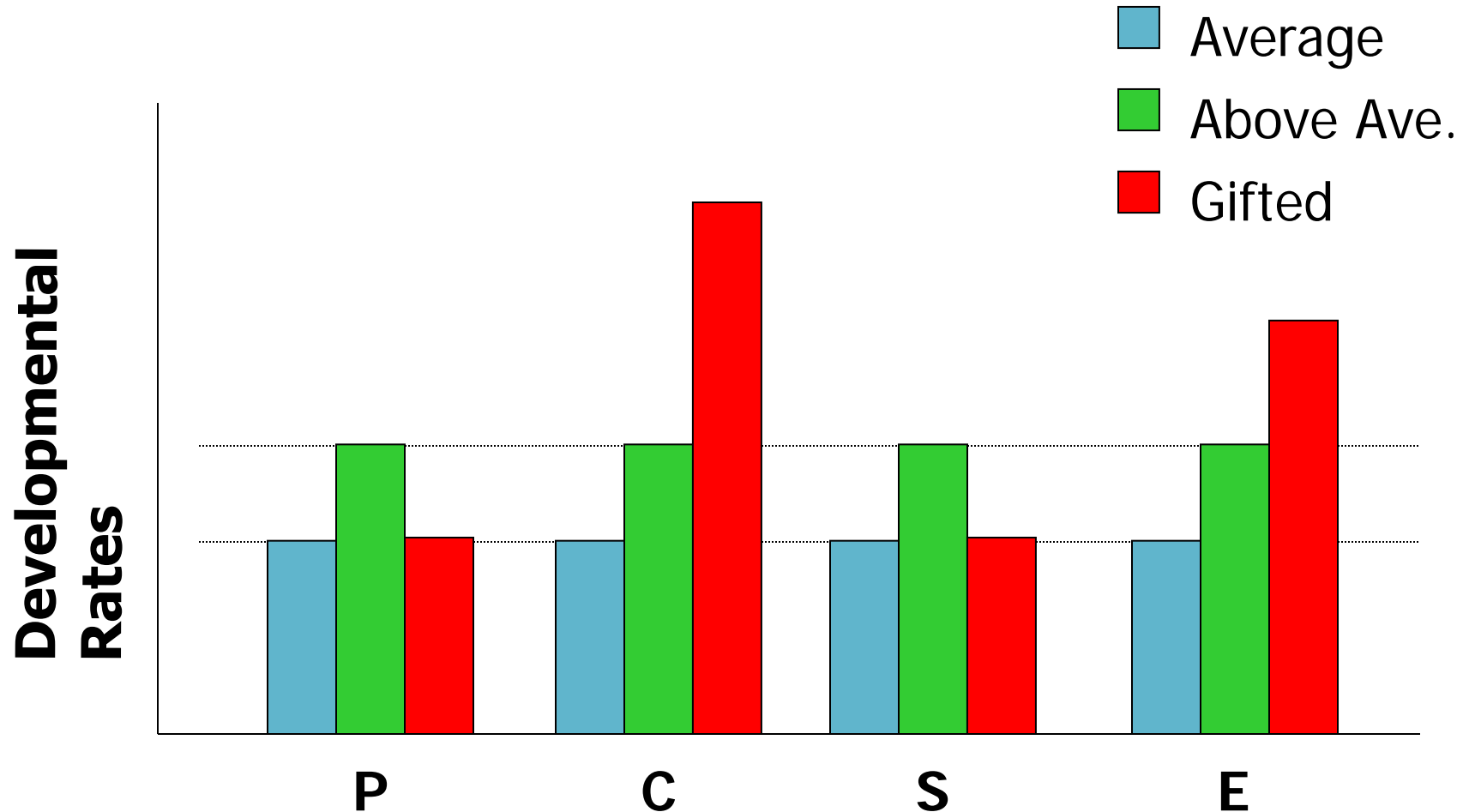
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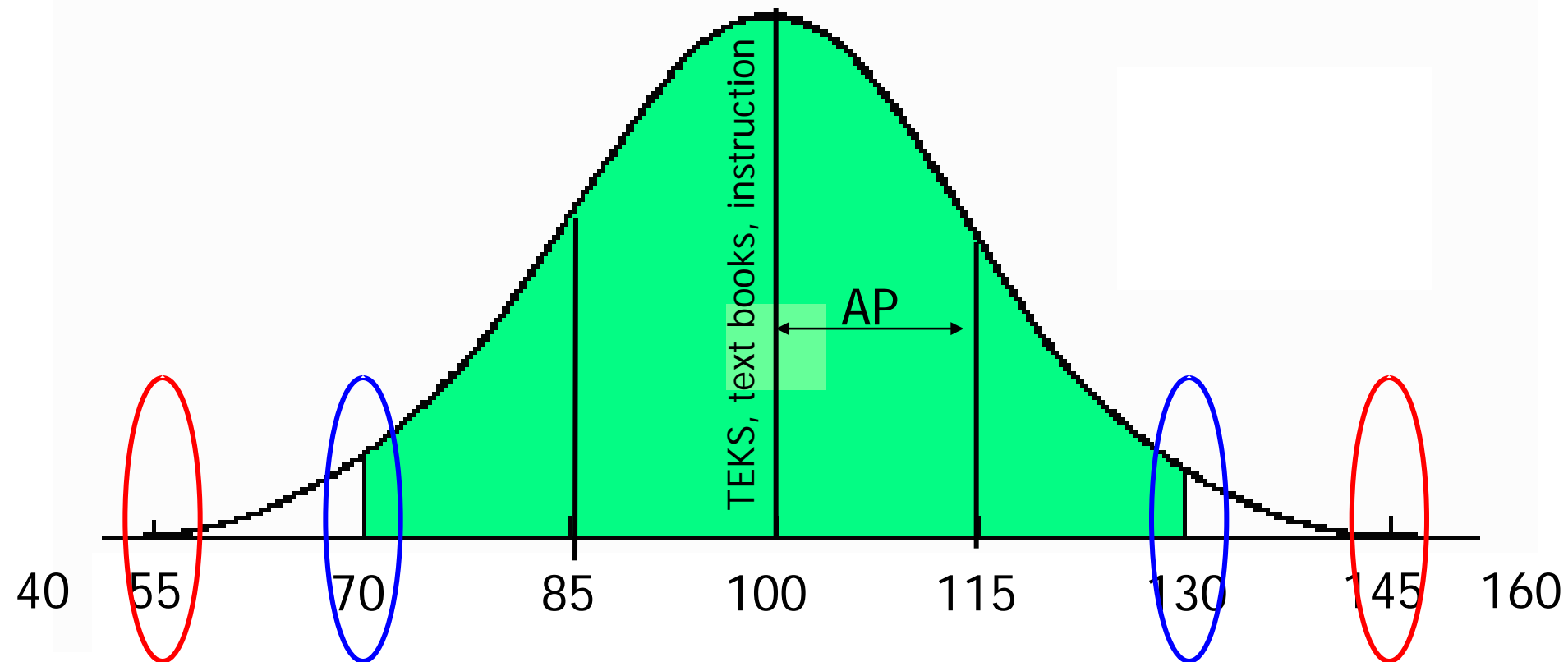
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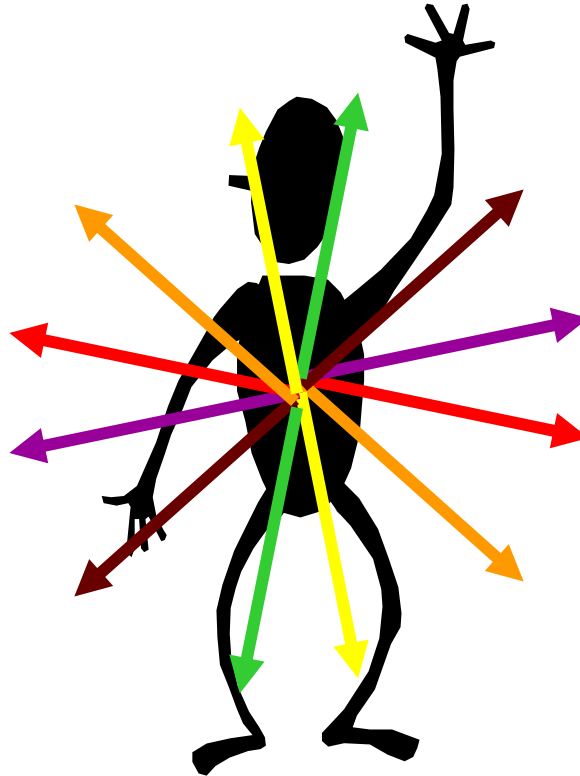
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Intrinsic Motivation



Introversion

From others



From being alone

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What is your level of tech tool experience?



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use tech tools.

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None of the above.

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INTEGRATING TECH TOOLS TO MEET GIFTED STUDENTS' NEEDS

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Welcome, Round Rock ISD GT Teachers and Specialists!

This is an open wiki, so feel free to contribute in order to enhance everyone's learning.

From this wiki you will be able to navigate to all the web sites used in the workshop offer in RRISD. In addition, the handouts will be posted here for easy access. Finally, it could grow into a community for GT teachers and specialist who are working toward the shared goal of integrating technology tools into instruction to meet gifted students' needs. In order for a community to develop, you have to take the risk of contributing to the wiki. Simply click on edit and add to any page to contribute!

Thanks for your dedication and commitment to meeting gifted and talented students' needs. This special needs population needs strong advocates, especially in a time of shrinking budgets.

If you have questions or concerns, simply contact [Michelle Swain](#) of [Round Rock ISD](#) or [Dr. Lynette Breedlove](#) of [Spring Branch ISD](#).

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- Consider:
 - What could you as a teacher do with it?
 - What could students do with it?
(if email registration not required)
- Relate to GT needs & characteristics

GT Lens to Evaluate Tech Tools

- Characteristics of Gifted Kids
 - Asynchronous Development
 - Degree of Giftedness
 - Intrinsic Motivation
 - Introversion
- Intellectual and Academic Needs

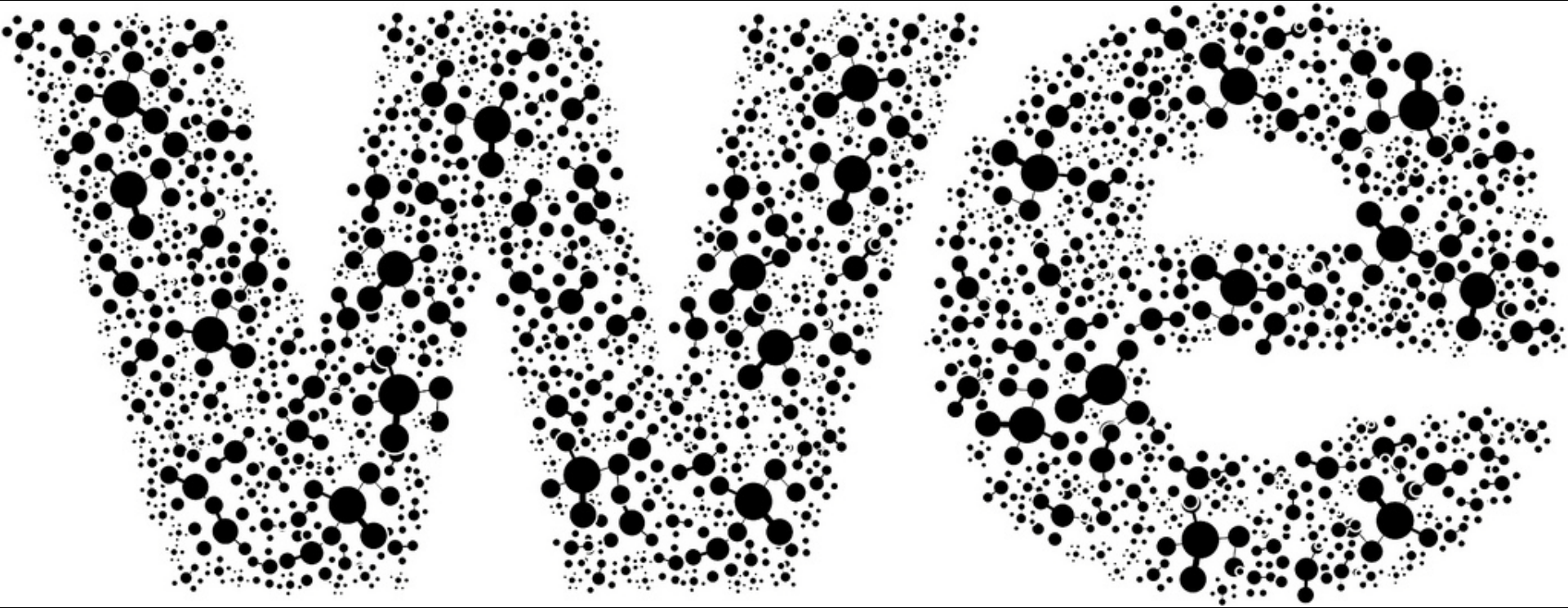
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- Whole group volunteer
- In Today's Meet...



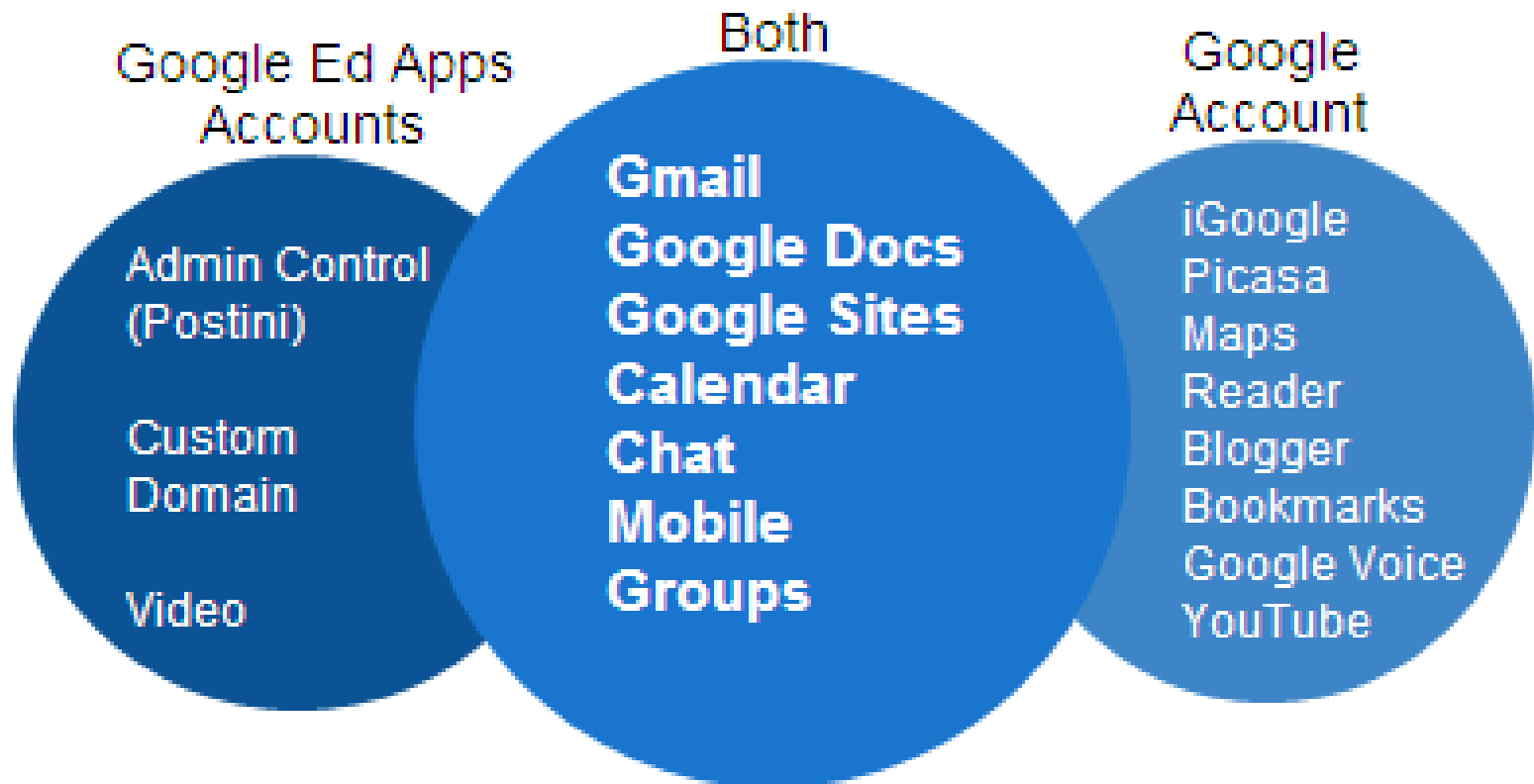
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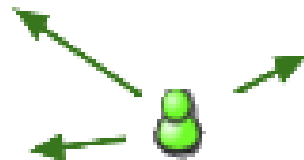


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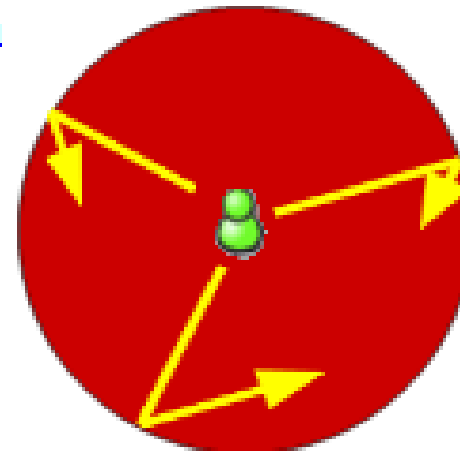


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Basic health and safety and awareness, this is given when any new employee is employed. This includes tour around the shop, shown where all the different fire exits are, how to use the fire exits and what to do in case of a fire. They are shown all the different departments and told how they all function to enable the company to function. This training helps all the staffs have a very basic understanding of the company and its functions, this helps the employees feel that they are playing a main part in making the company function and increases overall productivity.























Till training, this is given only to those members of staff that are going to be using a till. Normally it is to the cashier but on rare occasions it is given to shop floor employees, for the busy times of year like Christmas so that they can help out. They are other types of till training that takes place within Morrisons these are in the customer café, because they have an ordering system as well as a till, and in the petrol station. Go back in time if you make a mistake or want to go back to a previous point in time, but by giving other members of staff training, this helps the checkouts at there busy times by more members of staff been available to work on till. This means the customers a better feeling when all the tills are open at Christmas time.

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- What obstacles do you envision?
- How could this help you connect GT kids?
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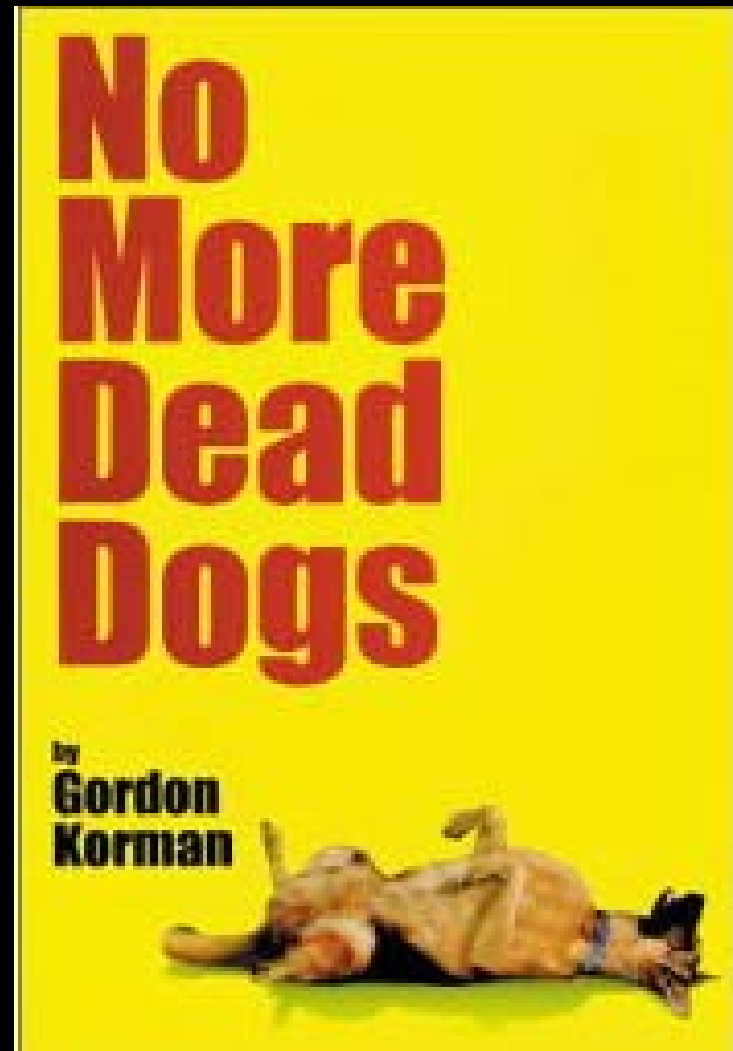


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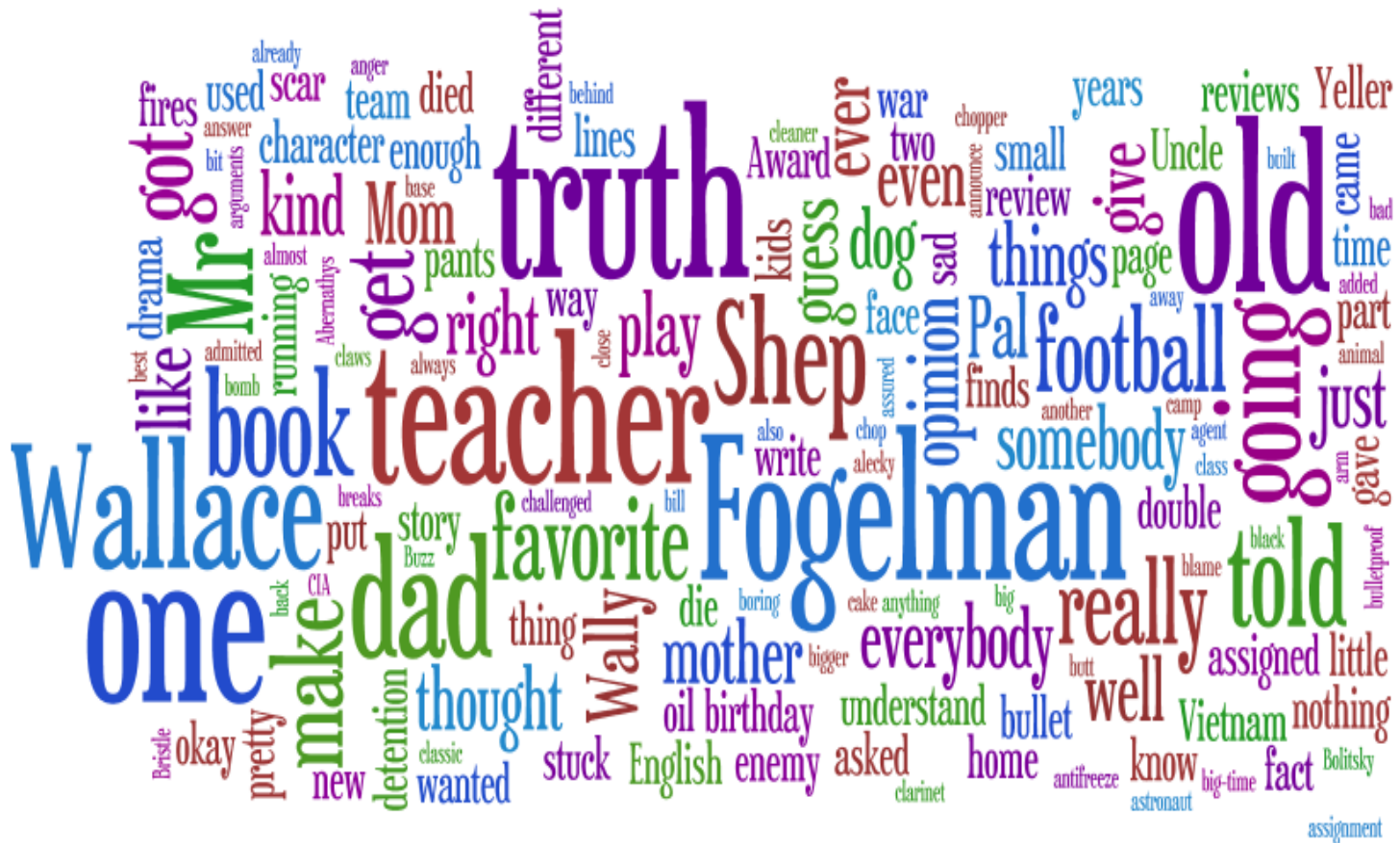


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- In what ways can you use this in your classroom currently?
 - Don't forget Today's Meet entry!
- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?

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- November Learning podcast
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 - Student created “textbook”
- Respond to questions in Today’s Meet during the podcast.
- <http://novemberlearning.com/building-legacy-within-a-textbook-with-garth-holman-and-michael-pennington/>

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Welcome to the Great Books for Gifted Kids Wikispaces!

The goal of this wiki is to provide teachers of gifted and talented students a place to start when looking for great books for gifted kids. Here you'll find suggested books and information about those books. In addition, I hope teachers will post or link to great lesson plans using the books suggested here.

Feel free to link, discuss, comment, and add pages on books you suggest.

To be included here, a book must:

1. feature a character who exhibits gifted and talented characteristics
2. deal with some issue that gifted children often face.

It also helps if it's a book of high quality, such as award winners.

When you add a page about a book, be sure to add it to Summary Chart called **The Books!** in the navigation bar. That's how others will find it.

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- Type (picture, chapter, young adult, adult):
- Length:
- Themes (issues related to gifted, e.g. asynchrony, peers, introversion, sensitivity, intensity, perfectionism):

Main Character(s):

- Name(s):
- Age(s):
- Characteristics of giftedness (e.g. advanced vocabulary, imaginal overexcitability - see [Silverman's List or the Overexcitabilities](#)):

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Reviews:

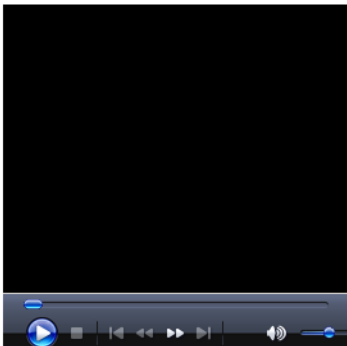
Personal recommendation:

Links to lessons:

Other: (e.g.: Wordle, links to author interview, student book review)

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Here's a video on how to add a page to the wikispaces.



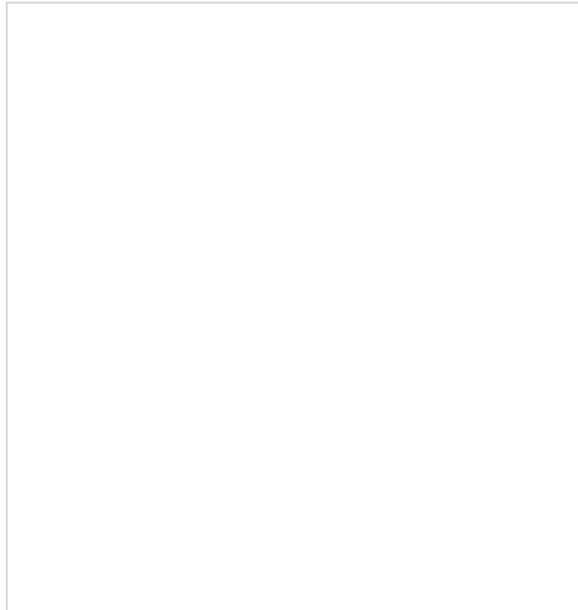
Wikispaces

- In what ways can you use this in your classroom currently?
- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?
 - Pacing
 - Facilitating

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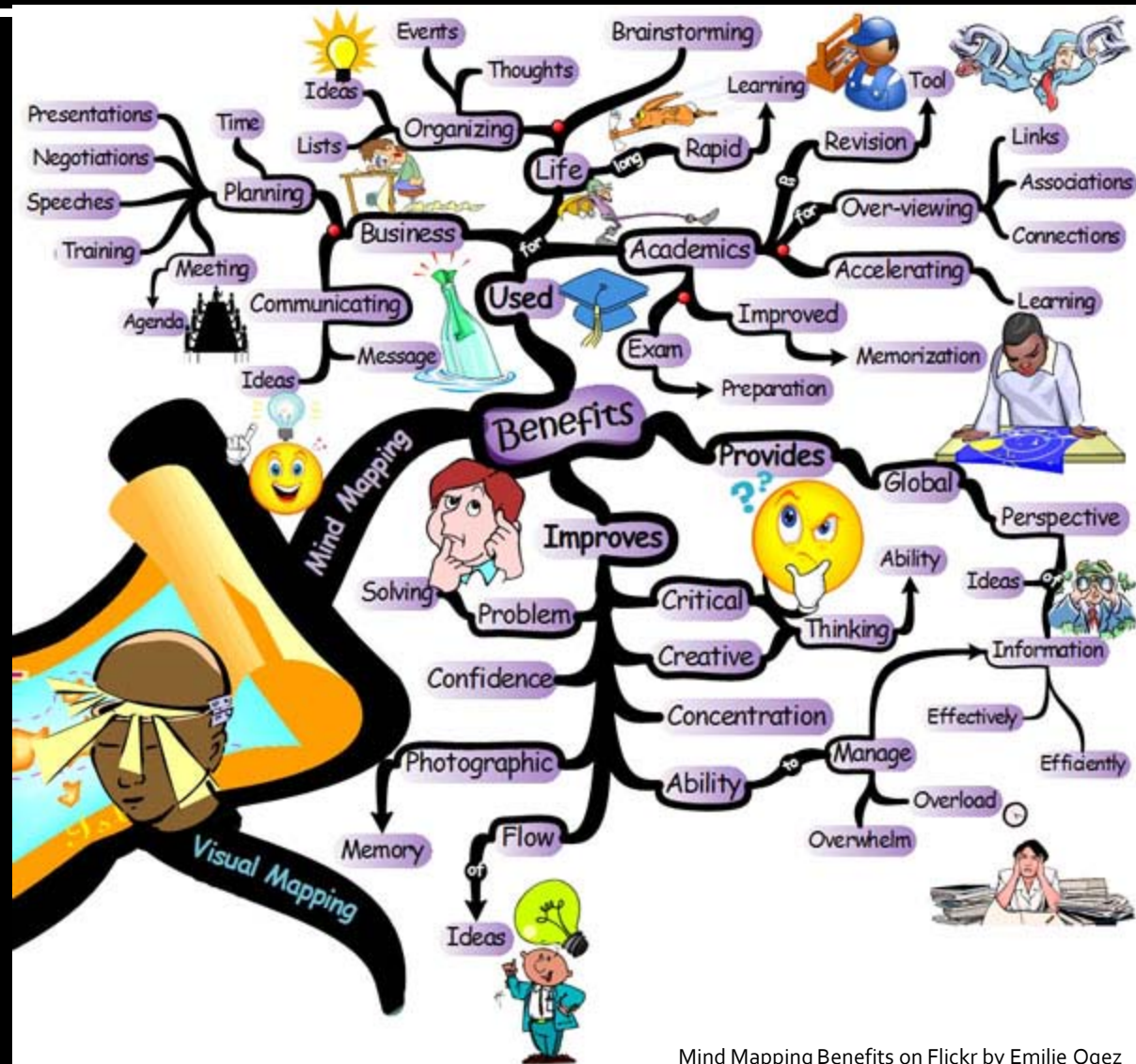
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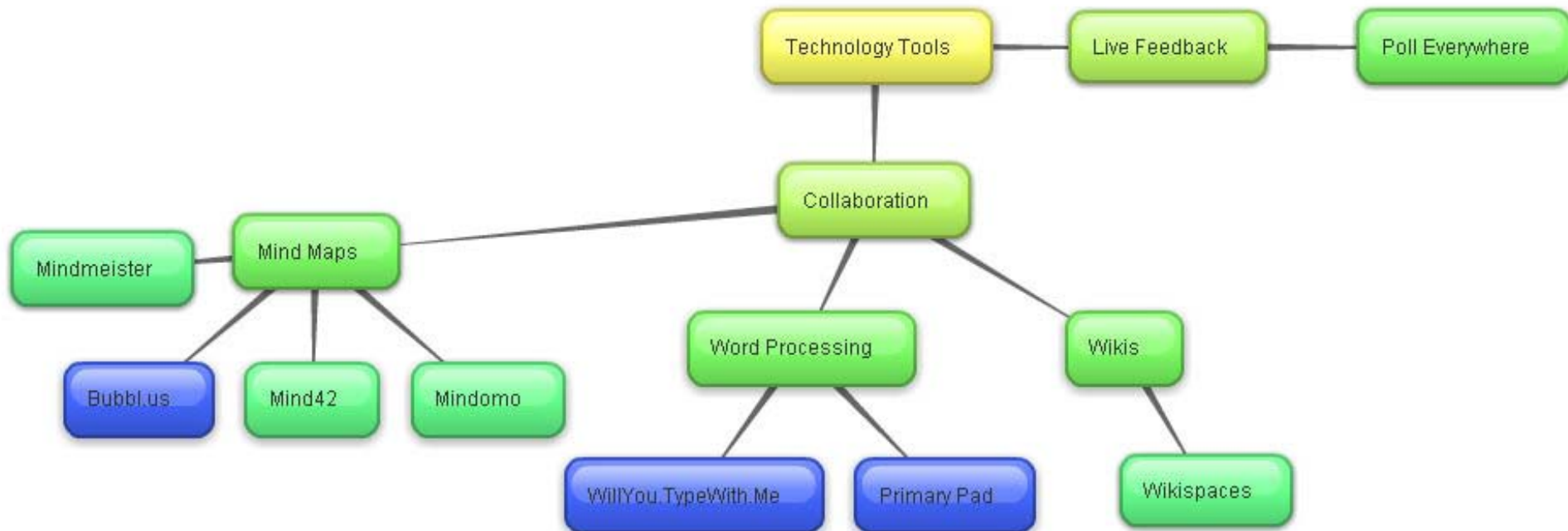
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- Create a mind map of the characteristics of gifted kids




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- In what ways can you use this in your classroom currently?
 - Don't forget Today's Meet entry!
- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?
 - Complexity
 - Organizing non-linear thoughts



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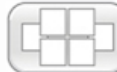


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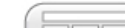



Analyse or appraise anything in a structured way.

Ready-made thinking guides

Map your ideas

 <p>Blank template Futurelab</p> <p>A blank thinking guide where you can create your own from scratch</p>	 <p>Review plans Futurelab</p> <p>Analyse or appraise anything in a structured way</p>	 <p>Anticipate issues Futurelab</p> <p>Work backwards from the ideal future to a realistic present</p>	 <p>Invite feedback Futurelab</p> <p>Create lots of ideas around an issue then turn ideas into actions</p>	 <p>Possible futures Futurelab</p> <p>Think about the way an issue may develop in the future</p>
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Solve problems



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- Find a graphic organizer your kids could use next week.
- Edit or create a graphic organizer.
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- In what ways can you use this in your classroom currently?
- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?
 - Structure alternate activities
 - Plan/structure independent study

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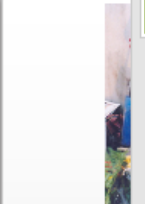

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- Which did you choose? How did you like it?
- In what ways can you use this in your classroom currently?
- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?
 - Independent study & research

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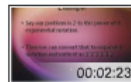
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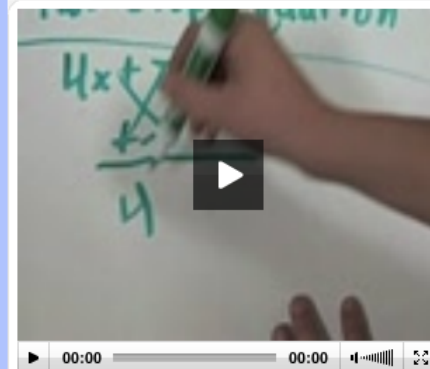
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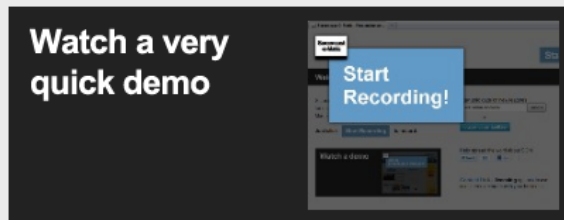
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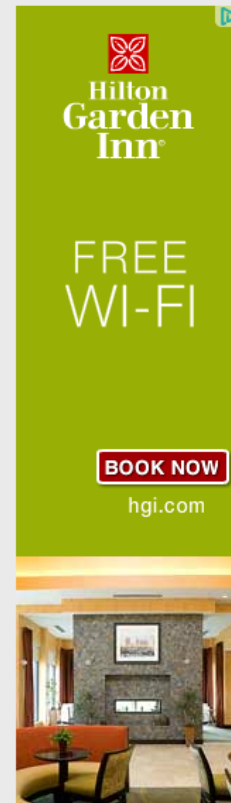
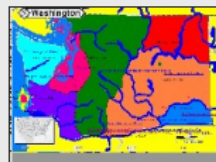
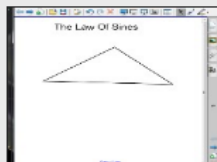
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- How could this help you meet GT kids' needs?

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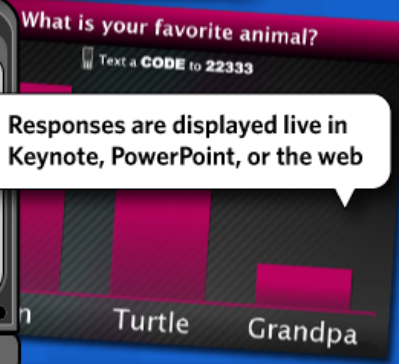
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- What could you do with it?
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 & E[D_0] \left(1 + 2\mu \frac{c}{N_E}\right) + 2\mu^2 p_0 \frac{c}{N_E} + (6\text{var}[D_0] + 2\mu p_0 \text{var}[D_0]) \\
 & - \lambda_s \frac{c^2}{N_E^2} \left(2 - \frac{N_E}{N}\right) \\
 & + 2 \lambda_s \frac{c^2}{N_E^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\lambda_s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_E}{N}\right) \frac{\text{var}[D_0, D_0]}{\text{var}[D_0]} \\
 & - \lambda \frac{c^2}{N_E^2} \left(4\mu^2 p_0^2 \text{var}[D_0]\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Elasticité emp, P

$$D^* = \frac{N_E}{1+c\gamma+N_E} \bar{D}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^* &= \frac{1+c\gamma}{\gamma N_E} D^* \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} + c\right) \frac{D^*}{N_E}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$D = D_0 - \mu(p - p_0) - \gamma(P - P_0)$$

$$S_k = \frac{D^*}{N_E}$$

$$\pi_k^j = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{c}{2}\right) \frac{D^{*2}}{N_E^2}$$

3) Elasticité emp, P + intégration.

$$D = D_0 - \mu(p - p_0) - \gamma(P - P_0) = \bar{D}_0 - \gamma(P - P_0)$$

$$\pi_k = (p - P) \alpha_k D + f_k(P - q) + P S_k - c_k(S_k)$$

$$D^* = p \alpha_k \gamma - \frac{1}{\gamma} + \mu \dots$$

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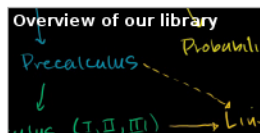
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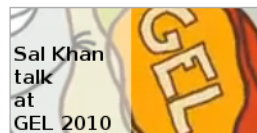
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It is the brainchild of Jonathan Bergmann & Aaron Sams in Woodland Park Colorado.

They have become known around the world as the first teachers to flip the classroom. In the flipped classroom, the students watch video lessons made by their teachers and then use class time to do more hands-on activities and work with their teacher on difficult topics. For more info on flipping the classroom see the links [here](#).

Quick Bio's of Jonathan and Aaron:

Jonathan Bergmann has been an educator for 25 years and holds a masters degree from the University of Colorado in Instructional Technology. He currently teaches science at Woodland Park High School in Woodland Park, Colorado. In 2002 he was awarded the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence for Math and Science Teaching (<http://www.paemst.org/>). He is a national board certified teacher in Adolescent and Young Adult Science (<http://www.nbpts.org/>). In 2009 he was named a semi-finalist for Colorado Teacher of the Year.

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




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

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Complete ALL 23 Things by Monday, August 10, 2009, 11:59 PM.

Spring Branch employees only -- If finished by August 10th, Spring Branch employees will receive 18 hours off-contract PDLC credit. (dates in PDLC only act as markers for time in PDLC -- use your own timeline to be finished by August 10th.) The PDLC number for this staff development is 1671.10005.

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